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TAGS: BEXP NU

SUBJECT: DREDGING AND PORT DEVELOPMENT AT EL PEARL

REF: STATE 013603

1. THE EL PEARL PROJECT IS A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON NICARAGUA'S EAST COAST. IT HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT PLANS WERE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AFTER THE MANAGUA EARTHQUAKE OF DECEMBER 1972 TO GIVE THE GON AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ITS FISCAL POSITION. GENERAL SOMOZA RECENTLY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

2. THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF DREDGING A CANAL FROM THE CARIBBEAN INTO PEARL LAGOON, CONNECTING PEARL LAGOON TO THE ESCONDIDO RIVER AND DREDGING THE RIVER TO ACCOMMODATE SEAGOING BARGES TO A MAXIMUM SIXTEEN FOOT DEPTH AS FAR AS THE INTERIOR CITY OF RAMA. RAMA HAS A HIGHWAY CONNECTION TO MANAGUA AND THE WESTERN COAST OF NICARAGUA. OPENING IT TO OCEAN TRAFFIC FROM THE CARIBBEAN COULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE COUNTRY'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

3. ACCORDING TO THE VICE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
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SEVERAL AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN COMPANIES HAVE BEEN

INVITED TO BID ON THE PROJECT. BIDS SHOULD INCLUDE  
FINANCING. VICE MINISTER OF THE OPINION THAT LAYNE  
DREDGING COMPANY IS IN A STRONG COMPETITIVE POSITION  
FOR THE CONTRACT. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO  
EX-IM CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST.  
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